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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington DC 20231

Prior to examination of the above identified application, please consider the following amendments and remarks:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Applicant has reiterated the pending claims for the convenience of the Examiner.

Please amend claims 1, 2, 10, 11, 19, 20, 27, and 28 as follows:

1. (Amended) A prosaposin receptor agonist having from about 14 to 50 amino acids and comprising the amino acid sequence [LIRX₁NNX₂TX₃X₄X₃X₁X₁], wherein:
LIX₁NNX₂TX₃X₄X₃X₁X₁, wherein:
X₁ is any amino acid;
X₂ is any amino acid, but not L or R;
X₃ is a charged amino acid; and
X₄, when present, is a charged amino acid.

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